

SIGNIFICANT SPEECH.

Great Britain and America Now Understand Each Other.

THE SATISFACTORY CONDITIONS

Now Existing Between The Two Countries—Cause for Hearty Congratulations.

London, by Cable.—Joseph Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a speech at a luncheon at Leicester Thursday, said that ever since the great split in the Liberal party he had found it difficult to mark the slanders and misrepresentations of the "base sort of politicians," but that he had found compensation in the open appreciation of the majority of his countrymen.

Referring to the attacks of the foreign press, Mr. Chamberlain said these newspapers had not spared the almost sacred person of the Queen." This, continued the speaker, provoked national indignation, "which may have serious consequences if our neighbors do not mend their ways."

Dealing with the attitude of the foreign relations, Mr. Chamberlain said, "I rejoice, and it is perhaps natural, for I have taken a personal interest in the matter, in the friendly feeling which I hope is now permanent between the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race."

Two Fires in Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Special.—Nearly 22,000 worth of property was destroyed by two fires in the heart of the business section of the city, early Wednesday.

Three Conventions in One Chicago, Ill., Special.—The special meeting of the national committee of the Silver Republican party, adjourned Wednesday, to meet at the city hall, which practically assured the fusion of the party with the Democratic and Populist parties.

Gen. Mathew Wounded. London, by Cable.—It is officially announced that General Methuen was among those wounded at the battle of Mader river, General Methuen, it developed later, was slightly hurt by a bullet which inflicted a flesh wound in the thigh.

RICH IRON ORE.

An Important Mineral Discovery Made in Johnston County.

An unlimited deposit of iron ore, rich in quality, has been discovered within twenty-five miles of Raleigh, says the Post.

The deposit is one mile and a half from Wilson's Mills, in Johnston county, and is owned by Mr. G. W. Wilson of Wilson's Mills.

The ore is already being mined and hauled by wagons to Wilson's Mills for shipment. A carload a day is being shipped to the furnace of the Empire Steel and Iron Company at Greensboro.

Mr. Wilson, the owner of the ore, discovered the deposit on land, was in Raleigh Tuesday, having come here for the purpose of inducing the Southern Railway to run a track from the North Carolina road at Wilson's Mills to his property.

Experts from several iron concerns have been to Mr. Wilson's land, and they declare that the ore is present in inexhaustible quantities and that the ore runs from 48 to 55 per cent of malleable iron.

Mr. Wilson has already had many tempting offers to sell his valuable property, but he positively declines. He says he does not care to sell, but will work the ore and sell it to the furnaces.

State News Notes. Col. Francis A. Mason, of Henderson, the quartermaster general of the State Guard, has received the invoice for the ordnance stores which were ordered from the war department for the First North Carolina regiment.

Three new cases are reported in the outbreak of smallpox at the Terra Cotta works, four miles west of the city. All of the cases are of a mild form and several of the patients are convalescent.

People from the coast part of the State say there is an unusually large number of ducks in the sound waters this season and the hunting is very fine.

ANOTHER DEATH.

Several Victims of the Fever Died at Greensboro.

Greensboro, Special.—Miss McGowan, of Robeson county, a student at the Normal, died Thursday of typhoid fever. She had been sick about ten days. During the last days of her illness she was nursed by her mother, who carried the body of her daughter to her home at Lumber Bridge.

Mr. C. H. Lehmann, the chemist for the city health department of Baltimore, and for the United States government, has made a bacteriological analysis of the Greensboro city water. He pronounces it free from pollution and good for drinking and domestic purposes.

10,000 Acres of Mineral Lands Sold. Ten thousand acres of magnetic iron ore land were leased Wednesday in Ashe county, by Philadelphia parties, representing the Pennsylvania Steel Company, the Cambria Steel Company and others.

The Charlotte papers announce the probable accomplishment of a scheme to utilize the Catawba river, twelve miles distant from Charlotte, for the transmission of electric power to that city, also for lighting the city, running street cars and other purposes.

Cooper Brothers, of Raleigh, have awarded the contract to C. A. McCallister for the cutting of the large granite pedestal for the Senator Vance statue to be erected in Raleigh. The bottom base is seven feet square.

Sunday a lot of mosquitoes from a colony on the Roanoke river were sent to Baltimore for a bacteriological examination. It is said that in that particular section as soon as a mosquito bites a person a case of chills and fever results with remarkable quickness.

President William A. Graham, of the State Farmers' Alliance, calls on all the sub-alliances to send delegates to the State convention of tobacco growers December 6. It is well known that one of the special purposes of this convention is to fight the American Tobacco Company.

Notes. Madam Elrado, the palmist and fortune teller, expects to invent recent earnings in a poultry farm near Durham.

TO BE CHALLENGED.

Congressman Roberts, of Utah, Will Not Be Sworn In.

THE PLAN OF PROCEEDING.

He Will Be Objected to on the Ground of Not Being Eligible, and Asked to Stand Aside, Pending Investigation.

Washington, D. C., Special.—At a conference of about 25 prominent House Republicans, held at the capitol Friday night, it was decided that the eligibility of Representative-elect Roberts, of Utah, to occupy a seat in the House of Representatives, should be investigated, and determined that pending the decision he should not be permitted to take the oath of office.

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A Cotton Mill Chartered. Columbia, S. C., Special.—The Monarch Cotton Mills, of Union, S. C., 200,000. The officials are: J. A. Fent, T. C. Duncan and E. Nicholson.

Telegraphic Briefs. A mob gathered around the hotel in Paris where some of the Tennessee volunteers were staying.

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GAUCUS NOMINATIONS.

Henderson, of Iowa, to be Speaker of the House.

Washington, D. C., Special.—The Democrats of the house, at their caucus held in the hall of Representatives, Saturday afternoon, selected Representative James D. Richardson, of Tennessee, as their candidate for Speaker, after a spirited contest, which lasted six ballots.

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ARP MAKES A TOUR.

Taking in Several of the Towns of the State, and Observes Many Things.

As He Journeys Along—How Towns Get Their Names—Dull Towns and Progressive Ones.

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CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

Where the Methodist Ministers Will Labor Next Year.

The session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Concord, closed on Monday night at 9 o'clock.

It was one of the most harmonious in the history of the conference, and a great deal was accomplished in the interest of the appointments.

Charlotte District—S. B. Turbentine, P. E. Charlotte, Tryon Street Methodist—H. F. Christberg.

Franklin District—C. M. Campbell, P. E. Franklin, Main Street—E. L. Erwin.

Greensboro District—F. H. Wood, P. E. Greensboro, West Market Street—J. C. Renwick.

Morganton District—C. G. Litt, P. E. Morganton, Main Street—R. H. Parker.

Salisbury District—W. W. Bays, P. E. Salisbury, Church Street—H. L. Atkins.

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Waynesville District—J. E. Thompson, P. E. Stateville Station—A. Smith. West End—S. P. Douglas.

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